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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Stephen Kapushoc

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 19, 26, 27, 37, 42, 43, 47-52, 55, 58, 59, 63, 69, 72 and 75 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims subject to restriction and/or election requirement are 1-14, 19, 26, 27, 37, 42, 43, 47-52, 55, 58, 59, 63, 69, 72 and 75.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 1, 2, 3, 12, and 19 in part as they apply to methods requiring nucleic acid analysis, and claims 4-11, 13, and 14 in full, drawn to methods for cancer cell analysis requiring nucleic acid analysis.

Group 2, claim(s) 1, 2, 3, 12 and 19 in part as they apply to methods requiring protein analysis, and claims 55 and 75 in full, drawn to methods for cancer cell analysis requiring protein analysis.

Group 3, claim(s) 26, drawn to nucleic acids for detecting cancer cells.

Group 4, claim(s) 27, 43, 47, 48, 49, and 50, drawn to proteins and kits comprising proteins.

Group 5, claim(s) 37 and 42, drawn to antibodies.

Group 6, claim(s) 51 and 52, drawn to methods of isolating a protein complex.

Group 7, claim(s) 58 and 69, drawn to methods for determining a protein complex modulator.

Group 8, claim(s) 63, drawn to methods for treatment comprising administering a compound.

Group 9, claim(s) 69 and 72, drawn to antisense nucleic acids.

Further Lack of Unity Restriction Requirement:

If Applicants elect the invention of Group 1, Applicants shall further select one element from each of: (I) – a single polypeptide sequence identified by a SEQ ID NO from the groups consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2 and 4 (relevant to claim 6); (II) a single specific nucleic acid probe or primer selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 3, 5, 6, 7, 24 and 25, 26 and 27, 28, 29 and 30, 33 and 34, 37 and 38, 40. Claims that recite specific elements will only be examined in so far as they require the selected elements. Claims reciting only non-selected elements will be withdrawn as to a non-elected invention.

If Applicants elect the invention of Group 3, Applicants shall further select a specific sequence from the group consisting of: a sequence that encodes SEQ ID NO: 4 lacking VLLLPL, SEQ ID NO: 3, 5, 6, 7, 24 and 25, 26 and 27, 28, 29 and 30, 33 and 34, 37 and 38, 40. Claims that recite specific elements will only be examined in so far as they require the selected element. Claims reciting only non-selected elements will be withdrawn as to a non-elected invention.

Claim Notes:

Part (xx) of claim 13 recites 'amplification using (xvii) and (xix)', where the phrase 'amplification using (xviii) and (xix)' may be intended.

Claim 42 is placed in Group 5 as drawn to an antibody, however the claim recites 'the antibody of claim 3', where claim 3 does not recite or require any antibody.

Applicants should check claim all of the pending claims to ensure they are written as intended.

2. The inventions listed as Groups 1-9 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

3. The common technical feature among the various groups in the EDD sequence of map position 8q22.3 and the encoded EDD protein. However, such a technical feature is not a special technical feature because the EDD gene and encoded protein is taught by the prior art of Callaghan et al (1998; WO 98/48010).

4. Regarding the Further Lack of Unity Restriction Requirement, the different elements identified by different SEQ ID NOs are unique because they are composed of different nucleotide sequences that are not common to one another.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship

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must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Kapushoc whose telephone number is 571-272-3312. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8am until 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached at 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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